



The Pearl Beach Gem

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Association held its Annual General Meeting in October, and members were (I hope) reassured that the management and financial affairs of the Association are in a healthy state. The members of the Executive Committee were re-elected with the exception of Barry Marks who stepped down and Jane Clarke was elected, so that we retain a full complement of members for the next term. We thank Barry for his contribution and welcome Jane back onto the Executive.

Christmas is just around the corner and we can look forward to another busy program of events in Pearl Beach to mark the festive season and the New Year. The Australia Day festivities will be held again on Saturday the 26th of January, and will follow the community-based format that we trialled last year with great success.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and New Year. **-Peter Romey**

Australia Day Kids Beach Races

The Pearl Beach community will again be running Australia Day beach races in 2019. As in 2018, the event will host a barbeque, a variety of kids' races, tug-o-war and the "rock to rock" beach run. We will also be running a stall to publicise the 90th Anniversary of the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

Races will commence at 8am and run for approximately 2 hours. We will be looking for volunteers to help prepare the beach-race area, set up gazebos and the barbeque area. This includes getting the race area ready at 5pm the day before (bring a rake along), setting up on the morning of the 26th from 6:30am, coordinating race activities and operating the BBQ.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Larry Nelson on 0419 416 049 or mail@larrynelson.com.au.

No Kerbs and Gutters

People often ask (or complain) about the absence of kerbs and gutters in most of Pearl Beach assuming it is just more evidence of dereliction of duty on the part of the Council. However, there is good reason for this policy.

Over time new building developments have affected the natural patterns of creeks: straightening them, putting them underground in places and increasing their volume and velocity. This in turn has significantly impacted on the topography of the beach

The more hard surfaces there are such as roofs, paving, and gutters to feed rainfall quickly into the creeks, the greater is the likelihood of flash flooding and of washaways on the beach. For this reason, we have deep drains instead of gutters. Ideally these drains are grassed or covered with light vegetation to slow the water, allowing as much water as possible to soak into the ground. This enables water to seep slowly towards the creeks and the sea; sustaining life to the trees, shrubs and other native plants that make Pearl Beach such a pleasant place. **-Bev Kingston**

Crommelin Native Arboretum wins Award

The Crommelin Native Arboretum Inc. at Pearl Beach has been declared the **winner of the Habitat and Wildlife Conservation Award** as part of Tidy Towns.

It is a very proud moment for the Arboretum. Thank you to our volunteers for all their hard work and in particular Robert Payne.



Ann Parsons – Vice President Crommelin Native Arboretum Inc

Headland Pathway

Linda and Greg McPhee have written to Gosford Council to ask just for the simple removal of rocks from the pathway round the northern headland to enable emergency evacuation access for all residents and visitors if required. They have received an encouraging response from Councillor Richard Mehrtens who said he will request to Council staff to see if the rocks can be removed and a way found to manage the path in future.

Visit the Pearl Beach website to find out how you can support this simple request.

Over the hill

Sadly, Madeline Anderson and her granddaughters, Lily and Addie have left us. For almost fifty years Madeline, her children, her grandchildren and their various dogs have been a familiar and happy sight in Pearl Beach. During that time Madeline acquired an international reputation as an artist, drawing much of her inspiration from her ancestral lands in the Gulf of Carpentaria. We shall miss them.

Long-time residents of Jade Place, Carol and Frank Long have also moved over the hill. Frank was responsible for much of the modern electrical work in the Hall. They hope to be able to maintain their involvement with the tennis club with bowls as well for Carol.

The Melbourne Cup Afternoon

Was organised by and catered for by The Two Turkeys, Russell Grove and Paul Blinkhorn became the 'Dodgy Bookies' giving excellent odds.

The winner of the extraordinary Hat Parade to support Lyn Cappella's Homeless Christmas Back Pack Project was Jill Easterbrook. Hats had to be made with things from the garden, fragrant, colourful or edible. The parade raised \$ 410.00.



Lyn Capella and Dawn Mclean organised a **'High Tea'** on Sunday 24 November to raise funds for the Pearl Beach Christmas **Backpack Project for the Homeless**. This was a great success and may become a yearly event. The Backpack Project was also be the focus of the Community Christmas Dinner in the Hall on Saturday 8th December.

PEARL BEACH CLASSIFIEDS

- **1 SET Ikea bunks and mattresses**
Little use - \$60
- **Fischer and Paykel med size fridge.**
Still in use -free
- Cane 4 shelf unit - \$15
- **Samsung monitor,**
never used \$20
- **2 cane laundry baskets** - \$5 each
Jill 0425 314 500

Motorised "shoprider" wheelchair.

Houndstooth vinyl seat. Toggle control.
Can be disassembled into 3 section to place in car boot. Excellent condition – used in
Cost \$2,500 Sell \$1,000

Adjustable dining chair with arms. Utility chair. Easy clean green and gold cloth, Rarely used. Cost \$350 Sell \$100
Victoria 0407 272 495

Two cedar windows – each 2280mm x 400mm

Each has 3 galleries with 2 louvres per gallery. Fitted with flyscreens. New unused due to change in building plans.
\$600 each or ono.
Vic 0412 162 542

'Madeleine' Flipit Wrap Dress

By Anna Stretton – New Zealand designer
Fuchsia pink with vintage flowers
Size M - never worn \$250 ono
Jane 0433 774 991

Aluminium boat

5 metres, 70 HP, 4 stroke motor \$12,500
Paul 0428 426 110

Outdoor timber table with granite inset
and 8 chairs plus cushions.

Excellent condition \$980
Tonv 0419 277 753

A Literary Lunch organised by the Two Turkeys with well-known Australian media commentator and journalist Mike Carlton proved most enjoyable. His witty and at times scathing presentation included describing his early days in journalism from a cadet at 17 to pursuing an exciting career in journalism travelling to far-flung corners of the world. He retired from radio to follow his dream of becoming an author A signed copy of Mike's latest book "On Air" was included with the lunch.

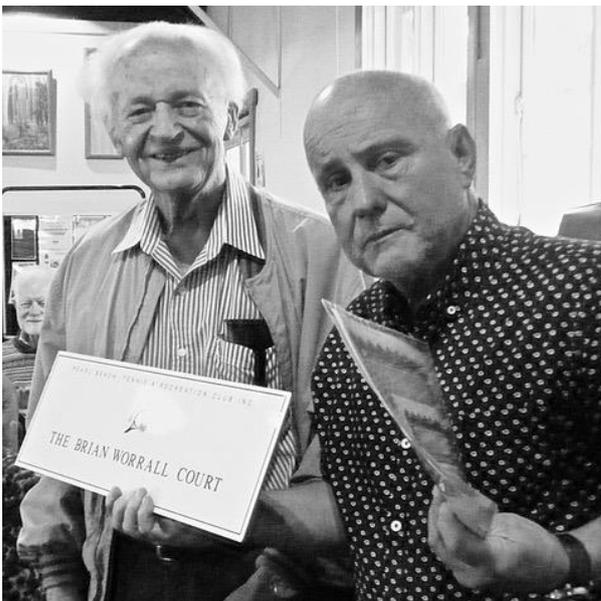
Remembrance Day at the Memorial Community Hall

On the 11th November Russell Grove led the proceedings to commemorate the centenary of the WW1 armistice. Jackson Hood played the Last Post and Reveille. The morning concluded with a wreath laying ceremony including the extraordinary wreath containing 100 poppies originally hand-made by a group of local ladies to celebrate the 2015 Anzac Day 100th Anniversary.



Bungaree Commemorative Weekend

Bungaree was an Aboriginal elder who is thought to have been born somewhere nearby. The weekend was organised by the local Aboriginal History Group to mark the anniversary of Bungaree's death on 24 November 1830. Various activities included a weaving workshop, an exhibition of pictures and artefacts with books for sale including the new edition of the Group's history of the local Aboriginal people, a bush tucker walk, smoking ceremony and a discussion with some of Bungaree's descendants.



The Pearl Beach Tennis Club President Paul Blinkhorn announced that court No. 2 has been named in honour of Brian Worrall who served for 10 years as president of the Club. As well, the bowling green has been named for Robert Lillico who was instrumental in getting bowling, both for men and women, going alongside the tennis court.



The Annual Arts and Craft Fair held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall in November showcased 18 local artisans. Each of the exhibitors donated a piece of their work to the raffle that was successful in raising \$1,320 for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Appeal for our drought-stricken farmers.

Go to www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au for information on more local events, such as:

- Pearl Beach local Dr. Carlos A Raimundo and Melanie Raimundo's Play of Life- an innovative method to assist refugees and new migrants to successfully deal with the struggles of settlement
- Music Education and Brain Development Project- A public lecture and workshop to be held in January with musical educator Dr Anita Collins in conjunction with the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music

Would you be interested in attending a garden club at Pearl Beach?

- Monthly meetings where members can discuss local plant issues, and exchange cuttings etc...
- If this sounds like something you are interested in, contact Duncan on: dunx1945@icloud.com

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Next General Meeting
Saturday 5pm 2 February 2019

OUR WEBSITE

pearlbeachprogress.org.au

HIRE OUR HALL

It is available for functions
No insurance required.

Contact Tom Sarti (02) 4343145 tsarti@gmail.com

OUR 90TH BIRTHDAY

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will celebrate its 90th Birthday in 2019. A calendar of events will soon be available on our website.

The highlight will be a special Anniversary Exhibition on the October Long Weekend 2019, with photographs, stories and oral histories from families over the past 90 years. Anniversary merchandise will also be available to purchase at events throughout the year.

COMMUNITY GROUP CONTACTS

ABORIGINAL HISTORY GROUP: Peggy Todd – 0411754577

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ART/CRAFT GROUP: Bev Lapacek – 0439 623 818

BUSHCARE: Stephen Parsons – 0448 751 595

DUNECARE: Faye Austin – 4341 7669

MAHJONG: Shirley Green – 0490 831 523

PEARL BEACH SINGERS: Pauline Toohey – 0411 752 834 or Bev Lapacek

PLODDERS GROUP: Bev Lapacek – 0439 623 818

PLAYGROUP: Dawn Baker – 0408 786 878

TENNIS CLUB BOOKINGS: Judy McFarlane – 0418 436 225

TENNIS CLUB COACHING: Kerrie (0438 358 2250) or

Mitch (0434 838 496)

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- Infirm, disabled or elderly
- Have limited domestic support
- Live in a bush fire prone area

To request an assessment of your property, call: 8741 4955

PEARL BEACH COMMUNITY EVENTS

DECEMBER 2018

'COMMUNITY CAROLS'

Sunday 23 at 6.30pm at the Memorial Hall
Santa in residence

HOLIDAY READING BOOK SALE

Saturday 29 December at the Hall
9.00am-12pm All books \$2

FAMILY BINGO

Pearl Beach Memorial Community Hall
Wednesday 26 December 5pm-6pm
\$5 ten games - cash prizes

JANUARY 2019

MORE FAMILY BINGO

Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23 January

ASTRONOMY FOR KIDS

Monday 7 January 2019
Registration 7.45pm Starts 8.00pm
Visual presentation plus walk to beach for viewing
Limit 20 kids 8-14 years - \$5 per child/adults free
43442319 for bookings

PEARL BEACH ABORIGINAL GROUP PRESENTS

FILM NIGHTS with GUEST SPEAKERS

Friday 4, 11, 18, 25 January 5.30pm-9.00pm
\$5 entry – light refreshments provided
Enquiries pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA DAY

Saturday January 26 2019
Kids races and BBQ
8AM – 12PM

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